

Some interesting invertebrate captures from a dung heap in West Lothian (VC84), with reference to the recent status of *Labia minor* (L.) (Dermaptera: Labiidae) in Scotland, and a new habitat for this species

An investigation of a horse dung heap on farmland at Old Philpstoun, West Lothian (NT0577, VC84) on 24 May 1995 yielded a number of new vice-county records, with captures of single specimens of the syanthropic woodlouse *Porcellionides pruinosus* (Brandt, 1833) (Isopoda: Porcellionidae) and *Ontholestes tessellatus* Geoffroy (Col.: Staphylinidae) in dry powdery dung at the edge of the heap. Particularly interesting was the unexpected capture of a 5th instar male *Labia minor*, which had not been previously noted from the county, also in the dry dung at the edge of the heap.

Further examples were found in a bowling green grass clippings heap in Bo'ness, West Lothian (NT0081) on the 26 July 1995, when an adult female *L. minor* was found in company with numerous *Forficula auricularia* (L.) (Dermaptera: Forficulidae). A single male *L. minor* was found subsequently in the same heap, and it appears that the decaying short grass provides conditions almost identical to those found in horse dung heaps. It seems likely that further specimens of *L. minor* may occur in grass clipping heaps, especially where the grass is kept particularly short, and could reveal a number of new localities in Scotland.

There are very few recent records for *L. minor* in Scotland, despite its former widespread distribution as far north as South Aberdeenshire (VC92). Most recently it has only been recorded from a muckheap at the side of a field southwest of Roseheart (NJ9165, VC93) on 28 September 1993, where it was collected by Jon Dawes. The only other specimens recorded since 1960 are a series of four males and six females collected by Dr R.A. Crowson in 1987 from a compost heap in Garscube, Glasgow, which is also a new record for VC77. Of historical interest is a female specimen collected in 1904 by J.J.F.X. King at Forres (VC95), which has apparently been unrecorded in literature. My thanks to Chris Timmins for confirming the West Lothian specimens of *L. minor*, and to Dr David Bilton for confirming the specimen of *P. pruinosus*. Special thanks must go to Maggie Reilly for allowing me to study the Orthoptera collection at the University of Glasgow, to staff at the Royal Museum of Scotland for arranging access to their collections and *Scottish Invertebrate Records Index*, and finally to Chris Haes for his helpful comments.— A. RAMSAY, Dryfemount, Dundas Street, Bo'ness, West Lothian EH51 0DG.

***Trichoplusia ni* (Hb.) (Lep.:Noctuidae) The Ni Moth in Glamorganshire**

A single specimen of *Trichoplusia ni* was caught in the Rothamsted Insect Survey light-trap at Cardiff (site number 347, O.S. grid reference ST198788) on 10.vi.1996. So far as I am aware, this scarce immigrant has not previously